

the final rule published on July 31, 2003 and effective on October 1, 2003 may continue to be shown on packagings and shipping papers until October 1, 2007.

(6) Section 172.202(a)(6) requires the number and types of packages to be indicated on shipping papers. Until October 1, 2007, a person may elect to comply with the requirements for the number and type of packages in effect on September 30, 2003.

(7) Except for transport by vessel, the non-mandatory shipping paper provision to include the subsidiary hazard class or division number in accordance with § 172.202(a)(2), in effect on September 30, 2003, is authorized until October 1, 2005.

(8) Until October 1, 2005, proper shipping names that did not identify specific isomers by numbers or letters preceding the chemical name prior to the final rule published on July 31, 2003 and effective on October 1, 2003, may continue to be marked on packagings and are authorized on shipping papers in place of the proper shipping names revised in the July 31, 2003 final rule.

(e) A Division 6.2 label conforming to specifications in § 172.432 of this subchapter in effect on September 30, 2002, may be used until October 1, 2005.

(f) 49 CFR 175.33 sets out requirements regarding the availability of information for hazardous materials transported by aircraft. Until April 1, 2005, a person may elect to comply with either the applicable requirements of 49 CFR 175.33 in effect on September 30, 2003, and contained in 49 CFR Part 175 revised as of October 1, 2002, or the requirements of that section contained in 49 CFR Part 175 revised as of October 1, 2003. On April 1, 2005, all applicable regulatory requirements in 49 CFR 175.33 in effect on October 1, 2003 must be met.

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EDITORIAL NOTE: For FEDERAL REGISTER citations affecting § 171.14, see the List of CFR Sections Affected which appears in the Finding Aids section of the printed volume and on GPO Access.

**§ 171.15 Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents.**

(a) At the earliest practicable moment, each carrier who transports haz-

ardous materials (including hazardous wastes) shall give notice in accordance with paragraph (b) of this section after each incident that occurs during the course of transportation (including loading, unloading and temporary storage) in which—

(1) As a direct result of hazardous materials—

- (i) A person is killed; or
- (ii) A person receives injuries requiring his or her hospitalization; or
- (iii) Estimated carrier or other property damage exceeds \$50,000; or
- (iv) An evacuation of the general public occurs lasting one or more hours; or

(v) One or more major transportation arteries or facilities are closed or shut down for one hour or more; or

(vi) The operational flight pattern or routine of an aircraft is altered; or

(2) Fire, breakage, spillage, or suspected radioactive contamination occurs involving shipment of radioactive material; or

(3) Fire, breakage, spillage, or suspected contamination occurs involving shipment of infectious substances; or

(4) There has been a release of a marine pollutant in a quantity exceeding 450 L (119 gallons) for liquids or 400 kg (882 pounds) for solids; or

(5) A situation exists of such a nature (e.g., a continuing danger to life exists at the scene of the incident) that, in the judgment of the carrier, it should be reported to the National Response Center even though it does not meet the criteria of paragraph (a) (1), (2) or (3) of this section.

(b) Except for transportation by aircraft, each notice required by paragraph (a) of this section shall be given to the National Response Center by telephone (toll-free) on 800-424-8802. Notice involving shipments transported by aircraft must be given to the nearest FAA Regional or Field Security Office by telephone at the earliest practical moment after each incident in place of the notice to the National Response Center. Notice involving infectious substances may be given to the Director, Centers for Disease Control, U.S. Public Health Service, Atlanta, Ga. (800) 232-0124, in place of the notice to the Department or (toll call)

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on 202–267–2675; however, a written report is still required as stated in paragraph (c) of this section.

(1) Name of reporter.

(2) Name and address of carrier represented by reporter.

(3) Phone number where reporter can be contacted.

(4) Date, time, and location of incident.

(5) The extent of injuries, if any.

(6) Classification, name, and quantity of hazardous materials involved, if such information is available.

(7) Type of incident and nature of hazardous material involvement and whether a continuing danger to life exists at the scene.

(c) Each carrier making a report under this section shall also make the report required by § 171.16.

NOTE: Under 40 CFR 302.6 EPA requires persons in charge of facilities (including transport vehicles, vessels and aircraft) to report any release of a hazardous substance in a quantity equal to or greater than its reportable quantity, as soon as that person has knowledge of the release, to the U.S. Coast Guard National Response Center at (toll free) 800–424–8802 or (toll) 202–267–2675.

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EFFECTIVE DATE NOTE: At 68 FR 67758, Dec. 3, 2003, § 171.15 was revised, effective July 1, 2004. At 69 FR 30119, May 26, 2004, the effective date was delayed until Jan. 1, 2005. For the convenience of the user the revised text follows:

### § 171.15 Immediate notice of certain hazardous materials incidents.

(a) *General.* As soon as practical but no later than 12 hours after the occurrence of any incident described in paragraph (b) of this section, each person in physical possession of the hazardous material must provide notice by telephone to the National Response Center (NRC) on 800–424–8802 (toll free) or 202–267–2675 (toll call). Notice involving an infectious substance (etiologic agent) may be given to the Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, U.S. Public Health Service, Atlanta, GA, 800–232–0124 (toll free), in place of notice to the NRC. Each notice must include the following information:

(1) Name of reporter;

(2) Name and address of person represented by reporter;

(3) Phone number where reporter can be contacted;

(4) Date, time, and location of incident;

(5) The extent of injury, if any;

(6) Class or division, proper shipping name, and quantity of hazardous materials involved, if such information is available; and

(7) Type of incident and nature of hazardous material involvement and whether a continuing danger to life exists at the scene.

(b) *Reportable incident.* A telephone report is required whenever any of the following occurs during the course of transportation in commerce (including loading, unloading, and temporary storage):

(1) As a direct result of a hazardous material—

(i) A person is killed;

(ii) A person receives an injury requiring admittance to a hospital;

(iii) The general public is evacuated for one hour or more;

(iv) A major transportation artery or facility is closed or shut down for one hour or more; or

(v) The operational flight pattern or routine of an aircraft is altered;

(2) Fire, breakage, spillage, or suspected radioactive contamination occurs involving a radioactive material (see also § 176.48 of this subchapter);

(3) Fire, breakage, spillage, or suspected contamination occurs involving an infectious substance other than a diagnostic specimen or regulated medical waste;

(4) A release of a marine pollutant occurs in a quantity exceeding 450 L (119 gallons) for a liquid or 400 kg (882 pounds) for a solid; or

(5) A situation exists of such a nature (*e.g.*, a continuing danger to life exists at the scene of the incident) that, in the judgment of the person in possession of the hazardous material, it should be reported to the NRC even though it does not meet the criteria of paragraph (b) (1), (2), (3) or (4) of this section.

(c) *Written report.* Each person making a report under this section must also make the report required by § 171.16 of this subpart.

NOTE TO § 171.15: Under 40 CFR 302.6, EPA requires persons in charge of facilities (including transport vehicles, vessels, and aircraft) to report any release of a hazardous substance in a quantity equal to or greater than its reportable quantity, as soon as that person has knowledge of the release, to DOT's National Response Center at (toll free) 800–424–8802 or (toll) 202–267–2675.

### § 171.16 Detailed hazardous materials incident reports.

(a) Each carrier who transports hazardous materials shall report in writing, in duplicate, on DOT Form F 5800.1 (Rev. 6/89) to the Department within 30